



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**Pipeline and  
Hazardous Materials Safety  
Administration**

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## NOTICE OF AMENDMENT

### CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

July 24, 2007

Mr. Larry Conti  
General Manager of Operations  
Questar Pipeline Company  
P.O. Box 45360  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0360

**CPF 4-2007-1009M**

Dear Mr Conti:

On May 7-11, 2007, representatives of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code inspected Questar Pipeline Company's procedures for Operations and Maintenance in Salt Lake City, Utah.

On the basis of the inspection, PHMSA has identified the apparent inadequacies found within Questar Pipeline Company's procedures, as described below:

**1. §192.605 Procedural manual for operations, maintenance, and emergencies**

**(b) Maintenance and normal operations. The manual required by paragraph (a) of this section must include procedures for the following, if applicable, to provide safety during maintenance and operations.**

**(1) Operating, maintaining, and repairing the pipeline in accordance with each of the requirements of this subpart and Subpart M of this part.**

**§192.745 Valve maintenance: Transmission lines.**

**(b) Each operator must take prompt remedial action to correct any valve found inoperable, unless the operator designates an alternative valve.**

Part 192.745(b) requires the operator to take prompt remedial action to correct any valve found inoperable, unless the operator designates an alternative valve. Within your procedures you did not address taking "prompt action" or designation of an "alternative valve".

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**§192.13 General.**

**(c) Each operator shall maintain, modify as appropriate, and follow the plans, procedures, and programs that it is required to establish under this part.**

**§192.227 Qualification of welders.**

**a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, each welder must be qualified in accordance with section 6 of API 1104 (ibr, see §192.7) or section IX of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (ibr, see §192.7). However, a welder qualified under an earlier edition than listed in appendix A of this part may weld but may not requalify under that earlier edition.**

Part 192.227(a) specifically addresses "Section 6" of API 1104. Your manual addressed API 1104 but did not specify the Section that applies.

Response to this Notice

This Notice is provided pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60108(a) and 49 C.F.R. § 190.237. Enclosed as part of this Notice is a document entitled *Response Options for Pipeline Operators in Compliance Proceedings*. Please refer to this document and note the response options. Be advised that all material you submit in response to this enforcement action is subject to being made publicly available. If you believe that any portion of your responsive material qualifies for confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b), along with the complete original document you must provide a second copy of the document with the portions you believe qualify for confidential treatment redacted and an explanation of why you believe the redacted information qualifies for confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b). If you do not respond within 30 days of receipt of this Notice, this constitutes a waiver of your right to contest the allegations in this Notice and authorizes the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety to find facts as alleged in this Notice without further notice to you and to issue a Final Order.

If, after opportunity for a hearing, your plans or procedures are found inadequate as alleged in this Notice, you may be ordered to amend your plans or procedures to correct the inadequacies (49 C.F.R. § 190.237). If you are not contesting this Notice, we propose that you submit your amended procedures to my office within 30 days of receipt of this Notice. This period may be extended by written request for good cause. Once the inadequacies identified herein have been addressed in your amended procedures, this enforcement action will be closed.

In correspondence concerning this matter, please refer to **CPF 4-2007-1009M** and, for each document you submit, please provide a copy in electronic format whenever possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. M. Seeley".

R. M. Seeley  
Director, Southwest Region  
Pipeline and Hazardous  
Materials Safety Administration

Enclosure: *Response Options for Pipeline Operators in Compliance Proceedings*